

Freedom Park

The Carter Center
Jimmy Carter Library and Museum

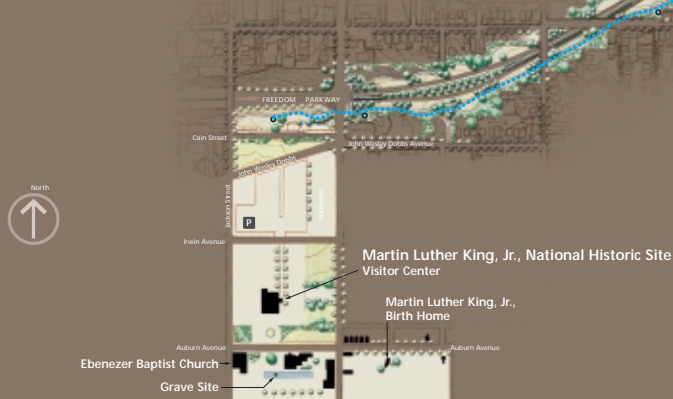


Martin Luther King, Jr.,
National Historic Site



This 1.5-mile greenway physically links The Carter Center and the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum with Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site. The Freedom Park symbolically celebrates the lives and aspirations of two Georgians who, using different paths, pursued a common goal: freedom and justice for all people.

Peacemakers: This word perhaps best describes the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jimmy Carter. Both stepped up to lead and motivate others in promoting fundamental human and civil rights for people around the world. Drawing on deep family roots, solid religious beliefs, and the active support of their spouses, both men carved lives out of conviction and, in the process, helped others realize their dreams.



Enduring Legacies

As you walk, run, or bike along the greenway, stop at the exhibit areas and ponder the enduring legacies of Jimmy Carter and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Atlanta's Parks

Freedom Park, which surrounds Freedom Parkway, reconnects neighborhoods that had been separated for more than 20 years by highways. The park's design is based on the principles of Frederick Law Olmsted, America's premier 19th-century landscape architect who influenced designs for Atlanta's Piedmont Park, Grant Park, and Druid Hills Parkway. The Freedom Park greenway is part of Atlanta's PATH trail system.

Wayside exhibits made possible by the Cecil B. Day Family

At the east end of Freedom Park, tour the grounds and gardens of The Carter Center, a nonprofit organization established by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter to advance peace, promote democracy, and fight disease around the world.

Spend some time at the Carter Museum viewing extensive exhibits about President Carter's life and presidency and see a replica of the Oval Office.

Besides focusing on important Carter Administration issues, the Carter Museum exhibits also portray aspects of family life at the White House.

At the west end of Freedom Park, continue on to the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site Visitor Center to view films and exhibits about Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

Tour the birthplace and childhood neighborhood of America's most renowned civil rights leader.



Leading the Way

The search for peace and justice must begin with respect for human dignity. War and violence are incompatible with our basic needs as human beings: a stable home, food and health care, a life free from fear and persecution.

Jimmy Carter

The protection of human rights was a cornerstone of the Carter presidency (1977-1981). President Carter reminded us that, "Because we are free, we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere." Today, his nonprofit Carter Center monitors democratic elections, leads a worldwide coalition to eradicate Guinea worm and other diseases, and mediates conflicts in troubled countries.